

Appl. No. 09/692,527
Amdt. dated November 14, 2003
Reply to Office Action of October 8, 2003

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 8, 2003.
Entry of this Amendment is requested.

New dependent claim 46 is added. New dependent claim 46 tracks the language of dependent claim 45 so that no new matter is added. Dependent 45 is also amended to improve its form. Claim 23 is amended to correct an editorial error.

Claim 34 is canceled so that claims 1-33 and 35-46 would be pending after entry of this Amendment.

In the Office Action, dependent claim 34 is objected to, and rejected under 35 USC 112 first paragraph. Applicants traverse the rejection. However, to expedite the prosecution of the application, Applicants are canceling claim 34.

At page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that claims 1-33 and 35-45 are allowed. Since claim 46 is dependent on an allowable base claim, it should also be allowable. The Examiner is sincerely and earnestly thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter and the careful consideration of Applicants' arguments.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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